TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1099.

Wednesday, 16th January, 1924.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty-four of the Clock, with the President in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following gentlemen were sworn in:—
Mr. K. George (*Financial Secretary to Government*);
Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*);
Mr. L. R. Raja Raja Varma Koil Tampuran (*Edavagais*); and
Mr. C. Sankara Menon (*Quilon*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*:—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Revenue Work in Certain Pakuthies of the Chirayinkil Taluk.

86. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the nine *pakuthies* in the Chirayinkil taluk from which Government do not collect public revenue, as stated in the Appendix to the answer to question No. 38 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd November, 1922, will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether the Tahsildar and the Assistant Tahsildar of the Chirayinkil taluk attend to and exercise their legitimate duties relating to revenue and land records maintenance work in those nine *pakuthies*; and

(2) whether they are not invested with powers to dispose of the following items of work in the said *pakuthies*:—

(*a*) *pokkuravaru* cases;

(*b*) sub-division work;

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[Mr. M. R. Madhava Variar.]

(*c*) inspection of rent-roll and B registers;
(*d*) disposal of boundary disputes; and
(*e*) supervision of survey maps?

(3) Are the Government aware that great difficulty is felt by the land-owners of the said *pakuthies* owing to the negligence of officers as regards the above items of work?

(4) Has the Division Peishkar, Trivandrum, ever visited those *pakuthies*?

(5) Does the Tahsildar collect income-tax from those *pakuthies*?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Tahsildar has been asked by the Land Revenue Commissioner to supervise the sub-division of *porambokes* and the detection of encroachments in the seven *pakuthies* belonging to *Sripadam*, done by the *Sripadam* village officers. The encroachments detected in respect of the two *pakuthies* of the Kilimanur *Edavagai* are also dealt with by the Tahsildar. As regards collection of tax the Tahsildar exercises the powers conferred upon him under the Revenue Recovery Regulation and the Estates' Rent Recovery Regulation.

(2) (*a*) The Tahsildar has not been invested with the power to dispose of *pokkuvaravu* cases in these nine *pakuthies* and the work is not being attended to by him.

(*b*) The Tahsildar has not been authorised to attend to sub-division work in these *pakuthies*.

(*c*) Under section 5 of the Estates' Rent Recovery Regulation the rent roll and other accounts bearing upon the land are subject to the supervision of Government and consequently it is open to the Tahsildar to inspect these accounts.

(*d*) The Tahsildar or the Assistant Tahsildar has not been empowered under the Survey and Boundaries Regulation to dispose of boundary disputes. If, however, the Dewan Peishkar refers to the Tahsildar any case of boundary dispute, he may then act under section 23 of the Regulation.

(*e*) The Tahsildar has not been invested with the power to supervise survey marks, except in respect of *porambokes* already referred to. The course of action possible in regard to other survey marks is laid down in section 21 (iii) of the Regulation.

(3) Government have no information.
(4) The answer is in the negative.
(5) The answer is in the affirmative.

Grants to Sanskrit Schools.

87. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur cum Pattanamtitta*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they make any difference between Vernacular Primary Schools and Sanskrit Schools in the matter of grants-in-aid?

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